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In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A hanger apparatus
comprising:

a helix having ~~an anterior~~ a first coil and a
~~posterior~~ second coil; [[and]]

engagement means depending from said first coil
~~carried by said helix~~ for receiving and holding a
selected object;

at least one coil intermediate said first coil
and said second coil; and

said coils fabricated of a strand of material and
having incrementally graduated diameters forming a
frusto-conically tapered shape of the helix having a
hollow core, said first coil having a larger diameter
than said second coil.

Claims 2-4. (Canceled).

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5. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus of Claim
[[4]] 1, wherein said strand of material is resilient.

6. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus of Claim
[[4]] 1, wherein said strand of material is substantially
rigid.

7. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus of Claim
1, wherein said engagement means includes a hook depending
from said ~~posterior~~ first coil.

8. (Currently Amended) A hanger assembly comprising:

a supporting substrate having opposing first and second sides and an opening therethrough extending from said first side to said second side;

a helix extending through said opening and including at least a first coil and a second coil
~~first and second coils for receiving said substrate therebetween; [[and]]~~

said first and second coils fabricated of a strand of material and having incrementally graduated diameters forming a frusto-conically tapered shape of said helix having a hollow core, said first coil having a larger diameter than said second coil;

engagement means depending from said first coil
~~carried by one of said coils~~ for receiving and supporting a selected object;

said first coil received against said first side of said substrate and said second coil received against said second side of said substrate;

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said first and second coils of said helix
mutually biased compressively retaining said substrate
therebetween said first and second coils.

Claims 9 and 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The bracket of Claim 8,
wherein said engagement means includes a hook ~~depending~~
~~from said one of said coils.~~

Claims 12-25. (Canceled)